

## Mission Council

**Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 March 2021**

### Questions for group work

**Monday 15 March**

**Session one (breakout rooms)**

**Toward the future of the United Reformed Church (paper A1)**

1. What biblical stories or images might offer us foundations for our thinking about the future of the United Reformed Church?
2. What in the paper resonates with you?
3. What might you have wished to see in the paper?
4. What gifts and graces do you think the steering group will need to embody for the Church to have confidence in its work?

Groups A and B: Please begin with question one

Groups C and D: Please begin with question two

Groups E and F: Please begin with question three

Groups G and H: Please begin with question four

**Please send responses to Samantha Bircham  
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**Monday 15 March**

**Session two (buzz groups)**

**New URC website – phase two – research and development**

1. What is the purpose of the United Reformed Church?
2. How would you explain the URC to Christians and other faiths and to non-Christians? (all answers welcome)
3. How does the URC fulfil its purpose? Does it do this better than others?
4. How do you measure the delivery of that purpose?

**Please send responses to Andy Jackson ([andy.jackson@urc.org.uk](mailto:andy.jackson@urc.org.uk))**

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**Tuesday 16 March**  
**Session four (breakout rooms)**  
**URC Future Pensions (paper G2)**

1. Do you agree that this is the right time to consider this matter?  
If not, why?
2. Which parts of this paper do you not adequately understand?
3. What questions have you got that are not answered by this paper?
4. Do you have a view on the examples of possible rates of Church and member contributions used in the modelling in section 5.4 and section 6?
5. Do you have any other suggestions about how we should prepare the members of General Assembly for its discussion of these matters?

**Please send responses to John Piper ([john.piper30@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.piper30@ntlworld.com))  
by 31 March.**